

## **INSTRUCTIONS** **FOR THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION**

U.S. law requires that every immigrant visa applicant undergo a medical examination by a doctor certified by the U.S. Public Health Service. In Italy, all immigrant visa medical examinations are conducted at Istituto Varelli, Via Cornelia dei Gracchi 51/60. **You may not go to a private doctor or a U.S. Military Facility for your examination.**

Children under 15 years old will receive only a general physical examination. Adults will undergo a medical interview and a general physical examination, as well as a chest X-ray, blood tests and specialized tests when applicable. Each applicant must submit four photographs of the type described in the enclosed appointment letter.

**Screening for gonorrhea** – Mandatory for all applicants aged 15 and older – Specific instructions: do not urinate for 2 hours before a urine sample is collected at the panel physician site.

Applicants or accompanying family members afflicted with serious illnesses should bring copies of their medical records for evaluation by the doctors conducting the medical examination.

The examination fee for persons fifteen years of age or over is **Euro 220**, and for persons under fifteen years of age **Euro 70**. **You must pay at the time of the examination. The physician accepts payment for the medical examination in local currency only.**

You must arrive at the Medical Center (Istituto Varelli, see attached map) by **8:00 a.m.** for your medical appointment. You must arrive on time and you must present a passport or you will miss your appointment. You do not need to fast before your medical appointment.

*If you are pregnant, or think you may be, please notify medical unit staff at the time of the examination.*

### ***IMPORTANT***

**THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE DAY BEFORE THE INTERVIEW. APPLICANTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO CONTACT THE MEDICAL CENTER TO SCHEDULE THEIR APPOINTMENT. PLAN ON TWO DAYS TO COMPLETE ALL VISA PROCEDURES.**

**THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION HAS AN EXPIRATION DATE OF SIX MONTHS AND IT WILL DETERMINE THE EXPIRATION DATE OF YOUR VISA.**